

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE 6BOULDER CAMERA (CO)
16 November 1985

FILE ON

Ex-CIA adviser: Reagan is criminal

By JOAN ZALES
Camera Staff Writer

A former CIA adviser charged Friday night that the CIA is responsible for "a fountain of evil," but it carries out its "dirty jobs at the behest of the president of the United States."

"I have a slightly different view of the CIA role in the conducting of foreign affairs," said David MacMichael, who served from 1981 to 1983 on a 15-member support staff to the senior staff of the CIA.

For many people, he said, the CIA is a convenient scapegoat. But MacMichael's main theme for a talk Friday night at Balch Fieldhouse on the University of Colorado campus was that in the case of the CIA role in Central America, the blame should fall squarely on one person:

"He is a criminal and he is Ronald Wilson Reagan."

MacMichael, who is a senior fellow

with the Council on Hemispheric Affairs in Washington, D.C., did not hesitate to put the CIA at the head of the revolution in Nicaragua.

MacMichael's talk, attended by about 400 persons, was sponsored by Community in Action, Citizens in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador and the CU student government.

The talk came three days before a planned protest against recruiting by the CIA on the CU campus. Protesters plan to make "citizen arrests" of CIA recruiters Monday. Community In Action is organizing the protest.

Departing from a prepared speech, MacMichael said he chose instead to read several pages of sworn testimony by a former member of the political directorate of the "Contras," the Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries.

The written testimony was delivered this year at the World Court, the judicial body of the United Nations,

MacMichael said. It detailed the rise of the Contras, aided and orchestrated by the CIA. The testimony was authored by Edgar Chamorro, who was part of the Contra force from 1981 to 1984.

Chamorro wrote that the expressed goal of the CIA was to overthrow the Sandinista government and overturn the Nicaraguan government.

On several occasions, Chamorro wrote, he was told that Contras should take responsibility for something the CIA had done. And the Contras always did as they were told, such as take responsibility for an attack on an oil pipeline used by the Nicaraguan government.

The CIA, according to Chamorro, also told Contras to say that arms were being smuggled from Nicaragua to El Salvador to keep the support of the U.S. Congress.

"We never saw any arms," Chamorro's testimony said, "but we were told the story was necessary." Chamorro said that they were told by CIA representatives, in private, that the goal was to overthrow the Sandinistas and to overturn the Nicaraguan government.

Earlier Friday, MacMichael said the reason for his Boulder appearance was to contribute to the discussion of the CIA as a tool of U.S. foreign policy.

He did not come, he said, to tell anyone what to do about the recruiting by the CIA at CU.

"These are decisions to be made by University community. If the University reflects on the actions of agencies and thinks it fits University purpose, it's fine. But the University community at large should make that decision in light of the fullest exposure to the facts."